village, Talappalli Taluk; if so, when and how much money was spent for the same and what was the nature of the repairs;

(b) is there any arrangement by the Government for the maintenance of this *chira*; if so, what is it?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) (1) No.

(2) This does not arise in view of the answer to part 1.

(b) No.

Article in the 'Chitrabhanu' newspaper, dated 18th Vrischigam 1104.

464. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) if its attention was drawn to the article "ചമച്ചതാരാകും' in the "ചിത്രഭാനു" newspaper in its issue dated 18th Vrischigam 1104;

(b) does the Government propose to take any action on the allegations in it?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) There was no issue on the date mentioned.

(b) In view of the reply to (a) no answer is necessary.

Sale of bamboos to Subrahmanya Ayyar.

465. **Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether a felling contract for 5,000 bamboos was given to late Mr. Subrahmanya Ayyar in 1091 No. 177 in Palappilli;

(b) is it the practice that collection should first be certified by the beat guard and the Department to issue passes on that certificate;

(c) was the practice followed in issuing passes to Mr. Subrahmanya Ayyar for the above bamboos; if not, why not;

(d) did the beat guard report that Mr. Subrahmanya Ayyar had not obtained his countersignature;

(e) was he right in his report;

(f) what was the nature of the complaint for dismissal of that guard A. Achyutan Nayar;

(g) was any enquiry held before his dismissal;

(h) the names of persons from whom evidence was received;

(i) can the evidence be placed on the Table?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) Nothing in the name of Mr. Subrahmanya Ayyar, but it was in the name of Mr. T. R. Subbarama Ayyar.

(b) Yes.

(c) to (i) No reply can be given as the records of the late Kodasseri Range relating to the subject in 1091 are not forth-

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coming after search, having probably been lost in the floods of 1099.

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—May I know when that A. Achyutan Nayar was dismissed ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—It is already stated there that all the records have been lost before 1099 and this happened in 1091. How can I say that ?

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—Even the order of the dismissal cannot be found out ?

President.—The information cannot be supplied since there are no records.

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—There will be other materials to know the order of the dismissal at least.

President.—Now that is a comment on the answer. The question was put and the answer is given.

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—May I know whether, after the floods, Government has taken a list of the papers destroyed in the floods ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—All papers that are not found in the office have been lost.

President.—The whole thing was washed away. As is the practice in courts, the records are destroyed, and those which were not destroyed were lost in the floods.

No. of Pattadars in Chittur.

466. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of pattadars at the time of the Settlement in Chittur ;

(b) the number at present;

(c) how many pattas have changed hands ;

(d) what were the causes of such change ?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(a) 4,840.

(b) 5,585.

(c) 3,626.

(d) The main causes are (1) partition and (2) private and court sales.

Supply of water to Chittur ryots.

467. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have received complaints from the Chittur ryots about the indifference in the supply of water to them on the part of the authorities on the spot in the months of Vrischigam and Dhanu for the last 2 years;

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